



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held July 22, 2003, the Board took the following action:

25-A

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is currently accepting applications for the 2003 Adoption Opportunity Grants. The grants are open to counties, nonprofit organizations and states. The purpose of the Adoption Opportunity Grant Program is to support public and private entities in the development of programs that provide permanency through adoption for dependent children. The Department of Children and Family Services, in partnership with Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, plan to submit a proposal, titled ‘Mike’s Kids’ that will seek to identify permanent families for 400 legally freed children ages 12 through 18 using child specific recruitment strategies. The Grant requires the recruitment of families from rural communities, and according to the 2000 U.S. Census, the Fifth District is considered almost entirely rural. The Grant, if awarded, will provide \$400,000 a year for five years in support of the project, which is attractive in light of today’s budget shortfalls.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Executive Officer of the Board was instructed to send a letter sign by the Board to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in support of the application for a 2003 Adoption Opportunity Grant submitted by the Department of Children and Family Services titled, "Mike's Kids" that will seek to identify from rural communities permanent families for 400 legally freed children ages 12 through 18, and if Grant is awarded, will provide \$400,000 a year for five years in support of the project.

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Letter sent to:

- Secretary, U.S. Department
of Health and Human Services